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SUBJ: AFDROUGHT

REF: NIAMEY 2604, 2625; GENEVA 4528

1. DEPARTMENT HAD HOPED WMO WOULD DESIGNATE BOLLARY AS ITS
EXPERT. FOR REASONS REPORTED GENEVA 4528 THIS WAS NOT
FEASIBLE.

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2. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES DIFFICULT POSITION OF BOLLAY IN VIEW OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS IF PRESIDENT DIORI ASKS HIM FOR ASSESSMENT ON FEASIBILITY OF CLOUD SEEDING. HOWEVER, WE SUGGEST BOLLAY BE AS CAUTIOUS AS HIS FINDINGS PERMIT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DIORI. EVEN IF BOLLAY CONCLUDES SEEDING MIGHT BE USEFUL, SUGGEST THAT HE AVOID SAYING SO TO PRESIDENT. IN SUCH CASE BOLLAY MIGHT POSSIBLY SAY THAT HE WOULD NOT RULE OUT SEEDING AS POSSIBLE MEANS OF ALLEVIATING DROUGHT, BUT WOULD HAVE TO REVIEW HIS FINDINGS WITH OTHER NOAA METEOROLOGISTS BEFORE REACHING A CONCLUSION. IN LIGHT OF FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH DIORI WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP SUMMARY BOLLAY'S PRELIMINARY FINDINGS.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO BOLLAY'S ATTENDANCE AS A USG OBSERVER AT OUAGADOUGOU MEETING IF HE IS INVITED, BEARING IN MIND SAME CONCERNS MENTIONED PARA 2 NIAMEY 2625, BUT DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO ATTEND AS ADVISER OF NIGER DELEGATION. FURTHERMORE POSTS SHOULD NOT SOLICIT INVITATION TO BOLLAY TO ATTEND OUAGADOUGOU MEETING OR TO VISIT OTHER COUNTRIES' TERRITORIES.

4. AFTER NIGER SURVEY, OR AFTER OUAGADOUGOU MEETING IF HE ATTENDS, AND IN ABSENCE INVITATIONS FROM OTHER SAHEL COUNTRIES, BOLLAY SHOULD PLAN RETURN TO US. RETURN FLIGHT INFO WOULD BE USEFUL HERE WHEN KNOWN.

5. COMMENTS OF ADDRESSEE AND INFO POSTS, INCLUDING DROUGHT COORDINATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE SPENCER, ARE INVITED. RUSH

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